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TALMAGE SERMON

By Rev.
FRANK DE WITT TALMAGE, D.D.,
Pastor of Jefferson Park Presby-
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Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—At the
time when the whole nation is honor-
ing the memory of Lincoln this an-
niversary sermon sheds a new and in-
teresting light upon the character of the
statesman-president. The text is James
v. 8, "Be ye also patient."

"What was the most powerful ad-
dress you ever heard?" I once asked
my father in one of our conversations
when journeying around the world.

"Well," he replied, "I have listened to
nearly all the great American orators of
my time. I have been personally
acquainted with most of them and have
spoken from the same platform with
many of them. But without any doubt
the greatest address I ever heard—if it
is to be judged by its electric and over-
whelming instantaneous effect—was
that delivered by Henry W. Grady at
the banquet of the New England society.
I had just finished a speech on 'The Com-
ing American' when Mr. Grady arose. After
a few introductory remarks he said:
'My friends, Dr. Talmage has told you
that the typical American has got to
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Sunday preceding the celebration of
Lincoln's birthday I shall have with
me the cordial approbation of the south
as well as of the north as I draw from
his character lessons of inspiration and
pay tribute to his memory. At heart
I believe that his untimely death re-